

PRESIDENT J. REUBEN CLARK, JR.

My brethren and sisters: We are all thrilled with this message from President Grant. I saw him personally, as did Brother McKay. He is recovering; he is well on his way to full recovery. I know that every true Latter-day Saint in Zion is praying for his speedy and complete restoration to health and strength. We should like to send him now the greetings of this great Conference, and assure him that he has our faith and prayers for his early recovery.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Elder Joseph Anderson, the Clerk of the Conference, read the Financial Statement of the Church as follows:

THE EXPENDITURES BY THE CHURCH FOR THE YEAR 1939*Stake and Ward Purposes:*

For the erection of meeting houses and for Ward and Stake maintenance expenses\$1,544,357.99

Missionary Work:

For the maintenance and operation of all the Missions, and for the erection of places of worship and other buildings in the Missions\$1,171,272.56

Education:

Expended for the maintenance of Church school system.....\$ 801,414.73

Temples:

Expended for the maintenance and operation of Temples\$ 239,457.65

Hospitals:

Expended for the erection and improvement of hospital buildings (included in Church Welfare Program).....\$ 15,183.15

Relief Assistance:

For direct aid in the care of the worthy poor and other charitable purposes, including hospital treatment. (From tithing funds only. Included in Church Welfare Program)\$ 429,982.89

Total\$4,201,668.97

which has been taken from the tithes and other Church funds and returned by the Trustee-in-Trust to the Saints for the maintenance and operation of the Stakes and Wards, Mission activities, for the maintenance and operation of Church schools, and Temples, for hospital buildings and relief assistance.

CHURCH WELFARE PROGRAM

Church membership, Stakes and Mission	803,528
Number of Church members who paid voluntary Fast offerings and Welfare contributions to help the needy:	
In Wards	230,528
In Missions	20,908
Total	251,436
Amount of voluntary Fast offerings and Welfare contributions:	
In Wards	
Cash	\$ 401,232.71
Commodities	62,147.55
In Missions:	
Cash	32,466.07
Total (all expended for relief)	\$ 495,846.33
Disbursed to the needy by the Relief Society for direct assistance in their homes and for general welfare purposes, such as surgical appliances and preventive and corrective health work	\$ 93,256.25
For carrying on the general, welfare and educational program of the Relief Society	293,305.77
Expended from the tithes for general and local relief	285,902.89
Expended directly by the Church Welfare Committee	144,080.00
Expended for the extension and improvement of hospital buildings and for the care of the sick therein	98,321.89
Additional assistance extended to the Church building program (Wards, Stakes and Missions) representing payments on the basis of 60% for buildings authorized before the change in policy January 1, 1939	80,268.79
Total	\$1,490,981.92
In addition to the foregoing, the following supplies had been assembled and were on hand December 31, 1939, and are available for the needy during the year 1940.	

CLOTHING AND BEDDING

		Estimated Value
Men's clothing, pieces	5,635	\$ 2,254.00
Women's clothing, pieces	9,944	2,483.20
Children's clothing, pieces	5,451	1,253.75
Quilts and miscellaneous items....	8,442	8,929.06
Total	29,472	\$ 14,920.01

Friday, April 5

First Day

CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Fruits and vegetables, cans	1,177,516	\$129,526.76	
Fruits and vegetables, bottled	31,002	3,410.22	
Dried fruits and vegetables, lbs...	104,110	5,475.34	
Total	1,312,628		\$ 138,412.32

OTHER PRODUCE

Flour, pounds	230,521	\$ 3,457.81	
Potatoes, pounds	524,132	5,294.15	
Grain, pounds	317,297	3,967.21	
Other vegetables, pounds	149,877	1,094.10	
Meat, pounds	28,816	3,169.76	
Total	1,250,643		\$ 16,983.03

FUEL AND LUMBER

Coal, pounds	935,300	\$ 1,870.60	
Wood, cords	250	1,250.00	
Lumber, board feet	4,989	139.67	
Total	940,539		\$ 3,260.67

Total on hand December 31, 1939.....\$ 173,576.03

FAST OFFERING INFORMATION

Average Fast offerings and welfare contributions
per capita in Wards 82.2

Stakes with the highest per capita:

New York	2.16
Curlew	2.13
St. Johns	1.92
South Los Angeles	1.53
Benson	1.42
Chicago	1.41
Bonneville	1.40
Kanab	1.33
Portland	1.31
San Bernardino	1.30

Number of Stakes that paid more than \$1.00 per capita 28

Missions with the highest per capita:

Membership less than 1500

Japanese	1.59
Czech92
Argentine55
Brazilian54

Membership over 1500

Swiss67
East German59
Eastern States53
California52

THE CHURCH UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1939,
AS FOLLOWS:

Employable needing employment, January 1, 1939	6,817
Employable needing employment, December 31, 1939	5,046
Skilled workmen unemployed, December 31, 1939	659
Unskilled workmen unemployed, December 31, 1939	3,195
Women unemployed December 31, 1939	1,192
Number employed during year	2,963
Number of persons used on Church Work projects during year....	7,188
Average number of persons assisted monthly	12,955

SUMMARY—ERECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF CHURCH BUILDINGS

Appropriated for Ward and Stake buildings	\$ 657,012.94
Appropriated for Seminaries and Institutes	36,004.37
Appropriated for hospital buildings	15,183.15
Amount raised locally for the foregoing improvements	525,146.24
Expended for Mission buildings and real estate	116,807.05
Improvements in Temples	10,266.38
Total	\$1,360,420.13

STATISTICS AND OTHER DATA FOR THE YEAR 1939

There were on December 31, 1939: 128 Stakes (at the present time 130); 1,055 Wards; 99 independent Branches, or a total of 1,154 Wards and Branches in the Stakes of Zion; also 35 Missions; 1,002 Mission Branches, and 250 Districts.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Stakes	645,618
Missions	157,910
Total	803,528

CHURCH GROWTH

Children blessed and entered on the records of the Church in the Stakes and Missions	20,988
Children baptized in the Stakes and Missions	15,199
Converts baptized in the Stakes and Missions	7,945